



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Gerlach, et al
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/964,956 EXAMINER: James Martinell
FILING DATE: September 26, 2001 ART UNIT: 1631
FOR: NOVEL PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, mailed September 11, 2003 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before January 12, 2004 (January 11, 2004 was a Sunday.). A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. The Applicants claim small entity status.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-124 (CURA-424). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 12, 2004


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